

## Message Text

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y-(ALL INFO ADDRESSEES ADDED)

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ELAB, CA  
SUBJECT: POSTAL WORKERS MOVE TOWARD STRIKE

REF: OTTAWA 3872

1. THE PRESIDENT OF THE 23,000 MEMBER CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS (CUPW) ANNOUNCED AUGUST 16 THAT THE UNION HAS WITHDRAWN FROM CONCILIATION TALKS WITH POST OFFICE OFFICIALS AND WARNED A STRIKE COULD BE CALLED AS EARLY AS MID-SEPTEMBER.

2. BEFORE MAKING HIS ANNOUNCEMENT, CUPW PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAUDE PARROT HAD GIVEN NOTICE TO THE CONCILIATORS REQUESTING THEM TO SUBMIT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF RELATIONS BOARD (REFTEL). THIS MEANS THE UNION WILL BE IN A LEGAL POSITION TO STRIKE SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE CONCILIATORS' RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SUBMITTED.

3. THE PRESS QUOTED PARROT AS SAYING, "... IT IS OBVIOUS THE EMPLOYER WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE UNTIL WE ACQUIRE OUR RIGHT TO STRIKE." "WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO

HAVE A STRIKE TO GET THEM TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY."

4. POSTMASTER GENERAL LAMONTAGNE SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED AT THE UNION'S ACTION. HIS OFFICE ISSUED A STATEMENT DENYING THE POST OFFICE WAS TRYING TO ROLL-BACK WAGES AND ACCUSING THE UNION OF MAKING WAGE AND WORK HOUR DEMANDS HARDLY CONDUCIVE TO A REASONABLE SETTLEMENT AT THIS TIME.  
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